

even this is a little low for the White House.

Mr. Speaker, it is time to get on with making the Federal Government smaller, less costly, and more efficient. That is what the people want, and it is what the Republican majority is all about.

#### REPLACE WELFARE WITH WORK

(Mr. FORD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FORD. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in support of a strong work program to replace our welfare system in this Nation. What the American people will get with the Republican bill is the illusion of a work-based welfare system. This bill wishes for more work that the Republicans have submitted to the Committee on Ways and Means, but it does not require work. It offers weaker work requirements than current law.

Mr. Speaker, it is time for us to say to the American people we are going to replace welfare with work. This bill does nothing to hold States accountable for performance. As if by magic, expect more families on welfare to go to work. The work requirements in their welfare bill will not work and serve the welfare population of this Nation. If it does not happen, then what we do in the Republican bill is we punish the children of the welfare population.

This bill is mean-spirited and shortsighted, and it is just plain mean on children in this country, and we ask for an alternative package, and that package would respond to the human needs of the people.

#### REPUBLICAN BILL IS STRONG ON WORKFARE AND STATE RESPONSIBILITY

(Mr. COLLINS of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, you know, I rise very seldom this year to speak to the House for 1 minute or any time, but I hear comments about—like the former speaker had to say about the work program in the welfare reform bill the Republicans put out. It raises the hair on the back of my neck. You cannot get any stronger than telling people, and allowing States to even make it stronger, 2 years. Two years of welfare, then you go to work. You engage in some work program. And in 3 more years you are off.

How much stronger can you be? That is 100 percent. One hundred percent of those who are on welfare today in 5 years will be in a work program or they will be off of welfare. How much stronger can you get?

It is rhetoric coming from the minority side. That is all it is. They are trying to confuse the public. The Republicans have a strong welfare-work-State responsibility bill.

#### COMMENTS ON MEXICAN LOAN GUARANTEE

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, Uncle Sam will not help Washington, DC, because of waste, fraud, and mismanagement. Let's see if I understand this: Down there in Mexico there is waste, fraud, mismanagement, corruption, larceny, kickbacks, bribes, and conspiracy. There is even an armed revolution to boot. But Uncle Sam can find \$53 billion to bail out Mexico.

Tell me, Mr. Speaker, who is now formulating the policy for the United States of America? The Three Stooges, or what? Beam me up. When Uncle Sam can say "Sorry, Charlie," to Orange County, CA; Washington, DC; Youngstown, OH; and New York but find \$53 billion for Mexico, that says it all, Congress. Think about it.

#### SCHOOL LUNCH SCARE PROGRAMS

(Mr. HOKE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HOKE. Mr. Speaker, I watched with utter disbelief yesterday as not only the Democratic leadership, but the President of the United States, stood up and scared every single school-aged child in this land by telling them we are going to starve them to death.

Mr. Speaker, once again the Democrats have not told the whole truth. We are not cutting school lunches. We are cutting Federal bureaucrats. Under the Republican plan, spending for school lunches will increase 4 percent at least next year, and administrative overhead will decrease dramatically.

I know it is hard for the Democrats to shake the Big Government ideology they have called for for so long, but Republicans are charging ahead to make the Government smaller and less costly. While we are busy seeking bold new solutions, all the Democrats can do is carp about tired myths and defend the failed and bankrupt welfare state.

#### NEW WELFARE PROPOSALS LACKING IN FAMILY VALUES

(Mr. SANDERS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, we have heard a lot about family values lately, but what kind of family values are contained in the Contract With America, which proposes massive tax breaks for the wealthiest people in this country, billions of dollar increases on military spending, including the discredited Star Wars Program, and at the same time cutbacks on programs desperately needed by the weakest and most vulnerable people in our society?

I was especially outraged yesterday by a subcommittee's elimination of the LIHEAP Program, which provides low-income people, including many senior citizens, heating subsidies in the wintertime. In my State of Vermont, over 20,000 households, including many senior citizens, take advantage of that desperately needed program.

Tax breaks for the rich, increases in military spending, and cutbacks on heating programs for the elderly and the poor. What family values.

#### FEED THE KIDS, NOT THE BUREAUCRACY

(Mr. KINGSTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, the Democrats' scare tactics never cease to amaze me. First they told the senior citizens if we pass the balanced budget amendment, you will never get another Social Security check. Next they went after the politicians. If the President has a line-item veto, you will never get a pork-barrel, I mean an economic development project, in your district again.

Now it is the school kids. If we consolidate 16 different food and nutrition programs, lay off hundreds of bureaucrats and make the system more efficient, kids will go hungry.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you, how hungry will these kids be when our country is broke? This debate is not about feeding the kids, but eliminating fat cat bureaucrats who have been picking the best helpings off children's plates for too long. Feed the kids, not the bureaucracy.

#### REMEMBER OLD-FASHIONED IDEAS

(Mr. GUTIERREZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, some of my colleagues like to say we have a "new Congress." They are right.

A new Congress that loves the photo ops of passing a so-called crime bill, but votes to take police officers off our streets. A new Congress that loves the headlines of talking about moving people from welfare to work, but scoffs at the idea of paying Americans a livable minimum wage.

Yes, we have a new Congress. But it has forgotten a lot of old-fashioned ideas. Like the idea of giving those in need a helping hand—instead of pointing the finger of blame. The idea that we should help our constituents take back their streets from criminals. The old ideal that perhaps we should give our kids a hot lunch in their schools.

And the idea that every American who works hard and sweats and toils every day deserves to be able to feed their family and own their home and send their kids to college.